

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 1, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Yadkin County Human Resources Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC on June 1, 2020 at 9:00am.

Present were:

Chairman Kevin Austin
Vice Chairman David Moxley
Commissioner Gilbert Hemric
Commissioner Marion Welborn
Commissioner Frank Zachary

Staff present: County Attorney, Ed Powell; County Manager, Lisa Hughes; Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry; and Finance Officer, Lindsey Cearlock.

INVOCATION given by Chairman Austin.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Austin at 9:02am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chairman Austin.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Hemric made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daniel Dorn, of Rudy Road, addressed the Board. He spoke at the March 17, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting. He received a copy of the current Noise Ordinance from the Sheriff's Office on March 19, 2020. Ever since then they have had more incidents with the neighbors. He had thought that the quarantine would probably cause the noise to get worse. They actually had somewhat of a break during that time. The neighbors were quieter during quarantine but as soon as it was over and North Carolina entered Phase 2 the noise started back up and more incidents occurred. He has read through the Noise Ordinance about three times now. The neighbors have been violating the Noise Ordinance but he was been told by the Sheriff's Office that there is nothing they can do unless an Officer witnesses a violation occurring and uses their discretion to enforce the Ordinance. He is concerned about what classifies as evidence when it comes to noise. None of the Officer's live where he resides so it would be hard for them to witness a violation. His family has been woken up in the middle of the night. The issue with noise has been going on since November and his family started calling and reporting the problem in February and nothing has been done about it. He is trying to be sure that he is doing everything that is needed to take legal action and get the noise to stop. He has been running into roadblocks. Once he was told that he was not the owner of the property and it is the property owner that has to press charges. Another time he was told the property owner could not press charges. He has been told so many different things by different Officers and people in the Sheriff's Office. He doesn't know what is true anymore. He has great concern for his community and his family regarding their safety and security, both mentally and physically. What do they need to do to make the noise stop? This issue has been going on for over half a year now. He had wanted edits to the current Noise Ordinance but after reviewing it again this morning with Wayne Simmons, they realized that the Noise Ordinance, as it is written, already covers every violation that is occurring. He was told by the Sheriff back in March that the Sheriff's Office would review the Noise Ordinance. He is not sure if anything has happened since then because of the coronavirus.

Chairman Austin thanked Mr. Dorn for his comments. He knows that Mr. Dorn and the County Manager have been communicating. He expects that will continue.

Wayne Simmons, of Rudy Road, addressed the Board. He is one of Daniel Dorn's neighbors. He lives about a half a mile up the road from him. Mr. Dorn has recently made him aware of the noise issue that is going on down there. He doesn't have any firsthand knowledge of the noise. Mr. Dorn has communicated to

him the things they have been having to endure, like loud music and horns and that type of thing. He hasn't experienced it himself. Those neighbors haven't bothered his family. All that he knows is what Daniel Dorn has told him. As a neighbor he is concerned about his neighbors. Everyone has a right to live in a peaceful setting. You are always afraid something like that might escalate into something violent. He wanted to come and support Daniel Dorn as a concerned neighbor. He is not sure what can be done about the noise but it certainly would be good if something could be done to take care of the situation. The best thing would be if people would get along with one another and there was cooperation from both sides.

Chairman Austin thanked Mr. Simmons for his comments. He thinks everyone is seeing all too well on a national stage that we do need to have more concern for each other in this world.

Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments at 9:09am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 18, 2020 Regular and Closed Session Minutes were reviewed. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Zachary second.**

Vote: 5/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

Human Services Update

Kim Harrell addressed the Board. Beginning in March, the recertifications that are needed for the FNS Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Work First programs have been rolled forward every month. The recertifications will continue to roll forward for June. Human Services staff has processed 553 applications for Food Stamps and Medicaid since March 30, 2020. All of the food stamp recipients have received some additional funding, as well as the funding they would normally have received. Statewide, the additional Food Stamps funding that has been paid out is approximately \$8.2 million. Staff has been working closely with Dr. Martin and other School System staff to ensure the children who are eligible for the P-EBT program receive their EBT cards. P-EBT is the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer program that was approved to provide each child that is enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program with \$371.00. Approximately 800,000 children statewide will receive that funding. No applications were required; the students who qualified for the P-EBT program were automatically enrolled in it. North Carolina has asked for the P-EBT program to be extended through the summer but that hasn't been approved yet. Approximately 3,000 Yadkin County students received P-EBT funding. So far approximately 75 of the EBT cards were returned because the mailing address was incorrect. DSS physical monitoring was completed virtually on April 29th. Child Support Court started back up today. Child Welfare Court starts back up on Thursday. Child Support cases will be heard in-person with people following social distancing guidelines. Child Welfare Court will be held virtually through WebEx. There has been very little Court since the second week in March so they have about 30 to 40 Child Welfare cases on the docket in June. In-person foster care visits will start back this month. The staff, children, and anyone else involved in foster care visits will wear the appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment). Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services have had significant increases in their caseloads. Child Protective Services is seeing an increase in domestic violence cases. There are 79 children in foster care. Foster care providers will receive an additional \$100.00 per month for April through June due to the CARES Act. The additional funding will come to the counties to distribute to the foster care providers. There may be a significant change in LIEAP next year. Currently to receive LIEAP funding an application has to be completed and approved. This year staff processed 378 applications. North Carolina has received approximately \$25 million in additional LIEAP funding. That could possibly lead to a change in the funding process next year that would allow certain eligible people to receive LIEAP funding without having to complete an application. Yadkin County has 177 positive coronavirus cases. There are 40 people in isolation and 3 of them are in the hospital. There have been 2 deaths associated with the coronavirus. Reaccreditation has been moved to 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Environmental Health staff is planning to hold ServSafe classes on June 20th and 21st. Zane Green has received his Lead Authorization. The WIC program has continued to operate throughout the coronavirus pandemic. The School Nurses have been assisting the County with contact tracing for three weeks. The State has contact tracers the counties can use. Two contact tracers have been requested from the State but they may not be able to start assisting Yadkin County until sometime in July.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

The Consent Agenda items that were approved by the Board are as follows:

Administration/Register of Deeds Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	New Budget
Non-Departmental Performance	1059000-51025	3,815	(3,015)	800
Register of Deeds Supplies	1054180-52010	1,400	3,015	4,415

Transfer of funds needed to purchase a new plat cabinet for the Register of Deeds Office.

Water/HWY 21 Expenses Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	New Budget
Water Expense	6154713-54310	95,280	(18,000)	77,280
Water Expense	6154714-54310	107,500	18,000	125,500

Transfer of funds needed to purchase water from Jonesville for the HWY 21 Waterline.

FY2021 Home Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan

The County receives Home Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding that the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) administers. YVEDDI and New Horizons performs the services the funding pays for. The FY2021 funding is approximately \$8,992.00 less than the funding that was provided for FY2020. The County also receives FCSP funding that goes to New Horizons. New Horizons uses that funding to provide eligible citizens with home care. The County will receive approximately \$1,921.00 more in FCSP funding in FY2021 than was received for FY2020. The Board approved the FY2021 Funding Plan.

Grandview Animal Hospital Contract

Grandview Animal Hospital will provide the Animal Shelter with veterinary services. They spay and neuter the animals, examine the animals that are brought in by Animal Control, and perform other veterinary services as needed. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Wilkes Connections Contract

Wilkes Connections will provide network wiring services that are needed for the new Sheriff's Office Administration Building. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings or actions to set a public hearing.

BOARD ACTION

Withers Ravenel Contract

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. The County was awarded Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant funding of \$50,000.00 from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Infrastructure. The funding is to be used for a study on the feasibility of merging the water systems that are in Yadkin County. The Board previously authorized the County Manager to negotiate a contract with Withers Ravenel to provide the engineering services that are needed for the project. They were chosen based upon their experience and the knowledge they have of the existing water systems within the County. The contract amount is \$49,500.00 so the County will not have to provide any additional funding. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to approve the agreement with Withers Ravenel to conduct the Yadkin County Water Systems Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 5/0.

Budget Amendment for Sheriff's Office Vehicles

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. The following budget amendment appropriates the funding that is needed to replace approximately five of the Sheriff's Office vehicles:

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	New Budget
Non-Classified Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-49000	2,585,528	195,000	2,780,528
Funds Transfer – Capital Projects	1054212-57030	640,331	195,000	835,331
Vehicle Replacement – Transfer from GF	4249000-42410	15,000	195,000	210,000
Vehicle Replacement – Vehicles	4259000-56100	70,000	195,000	265,000

County Manager Hughes went over the budget amendment with the Board. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

CALENDAR NOTES

- 1) June 5, 2020 – The Virtual NCACC Coffee Talk for Districts 13-18 is at 10:00am.
- 2) June 11, 2020 – The Special Meeting for the Proposed Budget Public Hearing and the Economic Development Public Hearing will be held at 7:00pm in the Board of Commissioners Room.
- 3) July 3, 2020 – The County Offices are Closed for Independence Day.
- 4) July 17 – 20, 2020 – The Annual NACo Conference has been canceled.

MANAGER'S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

Proposed FY20-21 Budget Presentation

County Manager Hughes presented the proposed FY20-21 Budget to the Board. Each of the Commissioners was given a printed copy of the proposed Budget. The Budget was prepared in accordance with the Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act. There was no change to the tax rate. It remains the same at \$0.66 per \$100 valuation. The goals identified were the need to protect the financial position of the County, expand water and sewer, develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Plan, continue to work with the Yadkin County Public Schools and Surry Community College, expand the parks and river access points in the County, review County owned properties for needs and improvements, and measure performance to ensure service effectiveness. Another goal that was added recently is to survive COVID-19 as unscathed as possible. The County has increased expenditures for PPE, cleaning supplies, social distancing barriers, and testing. The County is anticipating lost revenues due to COVID-19. The County intends to utilize Federal and State funding that is designated for COVID-19 to assist with the costs the County is incurring. The recommended FY20-21 Budget is \$37,239,788.00. That is an increase of \$183,293.00 from FY19-20. Property tax makes up approximately 54% of the County's revenues. Local sales tax makes up approximately 17% of the County's revenues. Funds from fees and permits make up approximately 7% of the County's revenues. Intergovernmental funding makes up approximately 14% of the County's revenues. Appropriated Fund Balance makes up approximately 5% of the County's revenues. Other revenues make up approximately 3% of the County revenues. The projected property tax revenue for FY20-21 is \$20,337,500.00. That is an increase of \$461,861.00 from FY19-20. The projected sales tax revenue for FY20-21 is \$6,327,000.00. That is a decrease of \$703,000.00 from FY19-20. State guidance suggests that sales tax revenues will be down anywhere from 20% to 50%. The Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments surveyed the County Managers in April and some of them were anticipating a decrease in sales tax revenue of up to 80%. Yadkin County projected a sales tax revenue decrease of approximately 10%. Yadkin County is kind of buffered because there is not a lot of retail here so the sales tax revenue decrease is not expected to be as huge in Yadkin County as it will be in some of the other surrounding counties. Intergovernmental funding is mostly funding from the State for DSS and Health programs. The estimated intergovernmental funding decreased by \$36,633.00 from FY19-20. The estimated fees & permits decreased by approximately \$23,000.00 from FY19-20. The Fund Balance appropriation that is needed to balance the proposed FY20-21 Budget is \$2,000,000.00. That is \$494,780.00 more than the Fund Balance appropriation that was used to balance the FY19-20 Budget. General Government expenditures make up 23% of the County's expenditures. Human Services makes up 24% of the County's expenditures. Public Safety makes up 28% of the County's expenditures. Economic Development makes up 2% of the County's expenditures. Cultural and Recreation makes up 2% of the County's expenditures. Education makes up 21% of the County's expenditures. County Manager Hughes went over some charts with the Board that compared revenues and expenditures over the last several years. Personnel cost is the County's biggest expense; approximately 46% of the Budget is spent on personnel. There are 266 full-time employees and 10 benefitted part-time employees. Seven new positions were requested; three within Emergency Services, two within the Sheriff's Office, one within Human Services, and one within Central Permitting. Human Services

also requested that two of their positions be reclassified from part-time to full-time. One full-time position is recommended in the proposed FY20-21 Budget. It is a Medicaid Care Manager position that is 100% reimbursable from Medicaid and the position is needed if the County's Medical Clinic is going to bill Medicaid. Yadkin County was contracting with Surry County to provide the Medicaid management services but Surry County has told Kim Harrell that they will not be able to continue to provide those services. The elimination of one part-time position that is vacant is recommended in the proposed FY20-21 Budget. The proposed Budget includes funding for a Cooperative Extension Director. That is not a County position. It is a North Carolina State University position but the County pays 50% of the Cooperative Extension Director's salary and benefits. The Health Insurance/Stop Loss insurance premium has increased so it is recommended that the cost per employee and retiree go from \$8,200.00 to \$8,400.00 per year. That is an increase to the FY20-21 Budget of \$58,906.00. The State increased the general retirement rate and the Law Enforcement retirement rate so the County will have to put approximately \$141,429.00 more into the retirement system in FY20-21. Workers Comp is going up \$28,805.00. Property & Liability insurance is going up \$3,926.00. The proposed FY20-21 Budget does not include any performance increases, career ladder advancements, or cost of living adjustments. Travel and training expenses have been reduced by 48.3%. County Manager Hughes hopes that conferences and trainings will continue to be held virtually at the start of FY20-21. Virtual trainings are not as expensive as in-person trainings. Some positions will have to attend specified trainings in order to keep their certifications. There is limited computer replacement funding in the proposed Budget. The funding requested to replace some network switches is included in the proposed Budget. The funding that is needed to fix a plumbing issue that is ongoing at the current Sheriff's Office building is included in the proposed Budget. The plumbing repair will take a lot of work so it will be done when the Sheriff's Office employees move into the new building. The cost to replace the fire alarm system in the Human Resources Building is included in the proposed Budget. Watershed dam repairs are included in the proposed Budget. The County currently leases seven vehicles. The proposed Budget does not add any new vehicle leases. The proposed Budget does include one new ambulance for EMS. Social Services has some vehicles that are older so the proposed Budget transfers the Escape that is currently in the vehicle pool to Social Services. The proposed Budget for the Yadkin County School System is \$7,468,511.00. That is a 1% increase from FY19-20. Surry Community College will receive \$311,000.00. That is the same amount they received for FY19-20. The proposed Budget includes Yadkin Guarantee Scholarship funding of \$80,000.00. Economic Development will receive \$76,500.00 for operating expenses. The proposed Budget does not include any funding for Economic Development projects. Currently, there are not any project payouts scheduled for FY20-21. If anything new comes forward during the year, the Board can consider making an appropriation at that time. The County's Debt Service will increase by \$2,082.00. YVEDDI, the Libraries, the NC Forestry Service, the Rescue Squad, and the Pretrial Release Program will receive the same amount of funding in FY20-21 that they received in FY19-20. The Richmond Hill Law School Commission will receive \$8,000.00. The proposed Budget includes \$75,000.00 for Volunteer Fire Department turn-out gear/viper radio replacement reimbursements. Yadkin County did not cut the funding for non-profits but some of the other surrounding counties did. County Manager Hughes hopes that Yadkin County will not see as big a decrease in revenue as is projected. If the revenues come in higher than projected then maybe some of the items that were not included in the proposed Budget can be added back in. The proposed Budget does not include the funding that is needed to replace the scales at the Landfill. The County would like to replace the scales and build a new scale house but the funding is not available at this time. The Fire District Tax Rates will remain the same. The County will enter into contracts with each of the Fire Departments. The contracts will be for a flat dollar amount. Any funding that comes in for a Fire District that goes above the Fire Department's contracted amount, stays in a fund that is earmarked for that specific District. County Manager Hughes went over the Fire Departments contracted amounts with the Board. None of the Fire Departments contracted amounts were decreased from FY19-20. Some of the contracted amounts increased. The Public Hearing on the proposed, recommended FY20-21 Budget will be held on June 11, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Board of Commissioners Room. County Manager Hughes said that the County will accept written comments on the proposed, recommended FY20-21 Budget. Written comments can be emailed to the Clerk to the Board at tgentry@yadkincountync.gov.

MANAGER'S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED

Funds Transfers

Department	Purpose
Tax Office Gasoline/Diesel Fuel (25) Dues & Subscriptions 25	Transfer of funds needed to cover the cost of IAAO dues.
Emergency Services Food & Provisions (500) Uniforms 500	Transfer of funds needed to purchase uniform items due to COVID-19.

BOARD VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

Joint Nursing Home - Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

There are three vacancies on the Joint Nursing Home – Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Partners Behavioral Health Management Board

The Partners Behavioral Health Management Board has asked the County to appoint someone to serve a 3 year term. The term would be for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The Board of Commissioners is considering who they would like to appoint.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hemric thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked Daniel Dorn and Wayne Simmons for their comments. He hopes the noise issue will be resolved soon. He thanked Kim Harrell for her report. He thanked County Manager Hughes for her hard work on the FY20-21 Budget. He didn't think the Budget could be done without a tax increase. He is really proud that there will not be a tax increase. He thanked everyone for the work they did on the Budget.

Commissioner Welborn thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Daniel Dorn and Wayne Simmons for their comments. He wished there was more the Commissioners could do for them. If there is something the Board can do they will do it but he is not sure what can be done to resolve the issue to everyone's satisfaction. He thanked Kim Harrell for her report. It was good to see Bobby Todd and Sheriff Oliver here. He thanked Keith Vestal for being here. He thanked County Manager Hughes for her hard work on the FY20-21 Budget. He doesn't know what the Board would do without her.

Commissioner Zachary thanked everybody for being here. He thanked Daniel Dorn and Wayne Simmons for their comments. He has spoken with a lot of people over the years who have people who live near them that make a lot of noise. The Board's hands are somewhat tied when it comes to how to legislate people's behaviors and things like that. The Board will talk about the situation and see if there is anything they can do. He empathizes with Daniel Dorn. He thanked Kim Harrell for her report. He thanked Bobby Todd, Sheriff Oliver, and Keith Vestal for being here. He appreciated County Manager Hughes' hard work on the FY20-21 Budget.

Vice Chairman Moxley thanked everyone for coming out this morning. He thanked Daniel Dorn and Wayne Simmons for their comments. The Board has been talking about the noise and will continue to study the situation. He thanked Kim Harrell for her report. He hated to hear that the number of positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases keeps climbing in Yadkin County. He knows that Human Services is staying on top of everything. It is good to know that they are working hard to get information out and assist the citizens. He thanked County Manager Hughes for her hard work on the FY20-21 Budget. It has been a really tough year because of all the unknown effects that the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will have on the County's revenues. It looks like the FY20-21 Budget is a pretty good budget for the coming year. He is looking forward to studying the FY20-21 Budget more and hearing what the public has to say about it in the Budget Public Hearing.

Chairman Austin thanked everyone for being here today. He thanked County Manager Hughes for her hard work on the FY20-21 Budget. June seems to have arrived fast this year because people have been distracted by so many things. First there was the coronavirus (COVID-19) and now there is the rioting that is going on all around the Country. All the rioting seems to have put the coronavirus (COVID-19) on the backburner for so many people. He thanked Daniel Dorn and Wayne Simmons for their comments. We all need to be better

neighbors. That is kind of what the strife in the world comes down to. He isn't going to try and wax poetic about it but that really is what the issues in the world come down to. He wished we could all be better neighbors to one another. One thing that Mr. Dorn mentioned that struck him was what constitutes evidence in these conflicts. The Board has previously talked about if there is some way to measure these things. The Board will continue to talk about the situation and do everything that they can. The Board is committed to that. Like Commissioner Welborn mentioned, it is hard to figure out what the Board can do but the Board is committed to helping neighbors be better neighbors. He thanked all of the staff for their work. He thanked Kitsey Burns Harrison for being here.

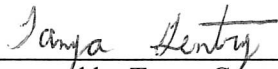
Chairman Austin made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (1)(3)(4)(5)(6) to discuss Personnel Matters and to Protect Personnel Information that is Confidential under NCGS 153A-98, and to discuss the potential Location or Expansion of Industries or other Businesses in the County, to Establish the County's Negotiating Position for Acquiring Real Property and to Instruct the County Staff on that Position, and to have a Privileged Consultation with our County Attorney and Pursuant to NCGS 131E-97.3 to discuss Confidential Competitive Health Care Information. Commissioner Zachary second.

Vote: 5/0.

CLOSED SESSION

After a motion to come out of Closed Session was made and the Board was in **Open Session**, **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 5/0.



Prepared by Tanya Gentry
Clerk to the Board



Kevin Austin, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

6/15/2020

Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners